

Provisional Vital Statistics for March 2020

Live Births decreased in March as 5,718 Missouri babies were born compared with 5,812 born one year earlier. Births also decreased for the cumulative 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, births decreased slightly from 17,022 to 16,981.

Deaths increased slightly in March as 5,631 Missourians died compared with 5,601 in March 2019. Deaths also increased for the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For January-March, there were 16,724 Missouri resident deaths compared with 16,249 for the similar time period in 2019.

The **Natural Increase** in March for Missourians was 87 (5,718 births minus 5,631 deaths). The natural increase declined for both the 3- and 12-month periods ending with March. For the 12 months ending with March, the natural increase declined from 11,006 to 9,432.

Marriages decreased in March, but increased for January -March. For the 12 months ending with March, marriages decreased from 39,356 to 36,849.

Dissolutions of Marriage decreased for all three time periods shown below. For the 12 months ending with March, the marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 2.16 to 2.09.

Infant Deaths increased in March as 30 Missouri infants died compared with 24 in March of 2019. For the 12 months ending with March, the infant death rate decreased from 6.1 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>March</u>				<u>Jan. — March Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with March</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Live Births	5,812	5,718	11.1	11.0	17,022	16,981	11.2	11.1	72,743	72,062	12.0	11.9	11.7
Deaths	5,601	5,631	10.7	10.8	16,249	16,724	10.7	10.9	61,737	62,630	10.2	10.1	10.2
Natural increase	211	87	0.4	0.2	773	257	0.5	0.2	11,006	9,432	1.8	1.8	1.5
Marriages	2,443	2,182	4.7	4.2	5,419	5,632	3.6	3.7	39,356	36,849	6.5	6.4	6.0
Dissolutions	1,447	1,127	2.8	2.2	3,942	3,821	2.6	2.5	18,186	17,619	3.1	3.0	2.9
Infant deaths	24	30	4.1	5.2	98	94	5.8	5.5	445	428	6.3	6.1	5.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,137	6,152	....	....	6,137	6,152	....	....	6,110	6,125	6,141

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1,000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1,000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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